



Sharon Ann (Murphy) Niemi

May 24, 1944 - August 15, 2020

Sharon Ann (Murphy) Niemi passed away peacefully on August 15, 2020 surrounded by her loving family. She was born on May 24, 1944 to John and Elva Murphy in Sault Ste. Marie (Soo), Michigan.

She graduated the Soo High School in 1962 and attended Northern Michigan University. She married Paul F. Niemi on March 30, 1963. She moved to the St. Joseph Michigan area in 1963 where she was a stay at home mother and then became a U.S. Postal carrier with the Post Office.

After an early retirement she and Paul moved back to the Soo, where she remained for the rest of her life.

She loved volunteering her time at Tendercare with her care dog Lucy. She developed the 'No one dies alone' program at Tendercare and would sit with the terminally ill to comfort them. Sharon made thousands of teddy bears for various facilities and people. In 2005, she was awarded the Healthcare Association of Michigan 'Volunteer of the Year' award.

She is survived by her loving husband, Paul; sons, Michael (Lisa) Niemi and Steven (Denise) Niemi; and daughter, Karen (Sean) Thielke. She is also survived by her brothers, Donald (Carol) Murphy and Brian Michael Murphy; and family friend Jay Foster.

She truly loved her grandchildren, Elyssa, Halee, Leagha, Kalli, Avy, Austin, Morgan, and Grayson; along with her nephews Kevin, John and Mark Murphy.

She was preceded in death by her Gramma Pete; father, John Murphy; mother, Elva LaCombe; stepfather, Oral 'Moose' LaCombe; brother, Owen 'Tuffy' Murphy; and nephew, Timothy Murphy; and three dogs, Kimmy, Megan, and Lucy.

A memorial service will be announced at a later time. In lieu of flowers, donations should be to the Hospice of the EUP, 308 W. 12th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, or the local Humane Society.

Tribute Wall



“ Sharon Ann (Murphy) Niemi

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Sharon Ann (Murphy) Niemi

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Sharon Ann (Murphy) Niemi

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ Sharon was a good friend and believed in the truth, she helped me in a difficult time. I will miss sending her Birthday cards and Christmas cards. She will be missed by all who knew her. Love and Blessings to the family Love Josephine D also known as Jo

Josephine Dewey - August 22, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Growing up as kids, your mother has always held a special place in our hearts, and was a true dear friend of our mother as well. My family is thinking about you at this difficult time.

Cedric Henry

Cedric Henry - August 22, 2020 at 12:01 PM

CJ

“ Sharon was such a giver of life. She shared her time, her talents sewing Sharon Bears for so many and they were such treasures to those She gave them to. She shared her dogs in particular we will all remember Sharon and Lucy making the rounds at Tendercare. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Clara James - August 21, 2020 at 01:19 AM

LG

“ Very sweet compassionate lady. She will be sorely missed. Sending prayers for Sharon's family.



Lynn Gillies - August 20, 2020 at 02:52 PM

PK

“ Paul, I am SO MAD!!! This just isn't fair. She was such a wonderful person. We had so many wonderful times. together. I was her favorite hairdresser. I am sending you and the kids all my love and prayers.

Patricia Kliemann

Patricia Kliemann - August 20, 2020 at 02:46 PM

LL

“ My prayers of comfort to Paula and the kids. May God hold them tight in His Arms. Sharon had a heart of Gold and always there to help if she was needed. Back in the day, when she got done with her mail route we would enjoy some time together. Sharon and her children and my children would load up and go to Lake Michigan beach in the Stevensville area. We would have a blast. I treasure our time together. Paul and Sharon treated me like family. Praying for our dear Lord Jesus to comfort them through this difficult time. God Bless Sharon's family.

Linda LeFevre - August 20, 2020 at 12:42 PM

LP

“ Linda Payment lit a candle in memory of Sharon Ann (Murphy) Niemi



Linda Payment - August 18, 2020 at 05:00 PM

WS

“ To Steve and Family - I'm very sorry for your loss. I was impressed by your Mom's work to comfort the terminally ill...that dedication takes a very special person.

Sincerely, Bill Semrau, Exeter, NH

William Semrau - August 18, 2020 at 04:15 PM

CC

“ *May God give you his peace and comfort.
Sharon is home with the Lord and soon we will all be with her.
God love and care never fails.
Praying 🙏*

Chip Cramer - August 18, 2020 at 11:17 AM

TH

“ *Sharon was a good and wonderful woman. So many times we
laughed and played together. What a beautiful photograph. I praise
God for all the time we had. Please know my family prays for yours
in such a great loss. May God bless and comfort you*

Toni, Debra and Mark

Toni I Hauch - August 18, 2020 at 10:47 AM

LC

“ *I am broken hearted for you Paul and
kids.....my heart aches for you all and the soo
will never be the same without Sharon....love
you all linda curtis*



Linda Curtis - August 18, 2020 at 10:32 AM

JR

“ *Paul, Mike, Steve and Karen, wanted you to know my thoughts are
with you during this difficult time and how sorry I am for your loss.*

Jim Ryan - August 18, 2020 at 05:30 AM